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LOCAL COMMENT.
Female Minstrels on the 26th.
The city schools are holding examinations this week.
Mayer Bros. have come out with a brand new bread wagon.
Remember Rev. Shawhan's lecture tonight—at the M. E. church.
Grant Forlyce is taking Theo. Iten's run, as route agent on the branch, this week.
Rev. Shawhan lectures to night at the Methodist church, subject: "Socrates."
Next Sunday a week will be Easter Sunday. The milliner's harvest time is approaching.
The first rain of 1891 fell Tuesday night. It was a weak sifter, and soon wept itself away.
A musical concert was given at the C. N. C. Wednesday evening, by Miss Wilson and pupils.
A new baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, of the south part of town, last week.
Geo. W. Jones sends from Trinidad, Col., to have the DEMOCRAT visit him weekly for the next year.
Harry Kline was up to Olmitz last Monday and Saturday, and reports the Kreisel sales as starting off in good shape.
Judge Brewer, on last Tuesday performed the marriage ceremony for Lewis A. Krause and Miss Mary Krause.
When wanting anything in the line of paints, oils, stationery and druggists sundries, call on Porter & Co., Pawnee Rock.
When it has been holding up to a pretty fair price for the past week, and a good amount has been marketed in this county.
Jacob Grosshardt, of near Claffin, called at this office Wednesday, and renewed on the official county paper for another year.
The Daughters of Rebekah gave another elegant supper to their Odd Fellow brothers, over Cole's shop, Wednesday night.
A son of Henry Witte, of Buffalo township, was kicked by a fractious horse about a week ago, but not dangerously injured.
H. Caro has gone east to buy goods for the St. Louis store of this city. Ed. Marx has charge of the store during Mr. Caro's absence.
A large number of people were in from the country to attend the sacred concert and lecture at the Catholic church, last Tuesday night.
It is said that Miss Feweloches is expected to be at the Grand opera house next Thursday night. Mr. Baldy will call on her no doubt.
Attend the sale on the Uhl & Carney ranch today. Some of the best horses in the county will be disposed of, besides farm implements, wagons, harness ect.
All teachers of the county should keep in mind the teachers' meeting on the 28th—one week from next Saturday. The program will be given in this paper next week.
The Congregational people hold services each Sunday, for the present, in the old opera house. Their prayer meetings are held in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church.
Mr. Bishop is also mentioned for mayor. The plot thickens.—News.
Let us have less "plotting" and more good, common sense talk and action concerning the mayoralty election. This "plotting" business of a certain ring of would-be statesmen, or leaders, never did succeed in giving us good officers.

Tom Taylor, brother of Dick, came up Friday from his large stock ranch in Barber county. He says the late snows and cold weather has been hard on stock where feed is scarce.
A "coon" and a dozen fat ducks disappeared from Ellinwood the other night at one and the same time, and our poultry dealers are warned to look out for the animal and fowls.
Episcopal services, morning and evening, on Sunday the 22nd, at the German M. E. church, by Rev. Benj. Hartley. The subject will be, appropriate to Palm Sunday and Easter.
The ladies of the G. A. R. held a reunion and celebration of the anniversary of the forming of their organization, last evening (Wednesday). An enjoyable time is reported by those in attendance.
A morning paper, commenting upon the life and death of a self-made man, makes the startling assertion that "He was born without a dollar in his pocket." Most of us were born without a pocket even.
MARRIED—At Savannah, Mo., on March 4, 1891, T. J. Hickman, of Stafford county, to Miss Nora Steveson of Savannah. Mr. Hickman is the oldest son of W. W. Hickman, of near Seward. The DEMOCRAT extends congratulations.
The "boss" and his lieutenants are at work fixing up the slate for the city election. The "boss" will announce, in due time, through his Register, the ticket selected, and then the good people of Great Bend will know how to deport themselves.
Hon. M. W. Coburn returned home from Topeka, Saturday morning. He is glad his duties as a legislator are over, and very willing to get home to commence spring work. He is greatly disgusted with the double dealing of the republican senate.
Large bills are out announcing the 25th anniversary reunion of the G. A. R., at this city, on April 6th. Major Swiger, of Hutchinson, will deliver the oration of the day, and an old fashioned campfire will be held at the Grand opera house in the evening.
The Beatrice (Neb.) Herald says that on Feb. 22d Duncan Clarke's female minstrels gave a first class performance; audience large and well pleased. The company will positively appear at the Grand, March 26th. Reserved seats now on sale at Hulme's.
Elder Ingles, of Topeka is conducting revival services at the Christian church, in the Willner building, this week. It is said by those who have heard him that the Elder is a splendid speaker, and is doing good work. All are cordially invited to attend the meetings.
The gay girls of Duncan Clark's female minstrels will be here a week from this, Thursday night. It is expected that all the different lodges and secret political organizations in the county will hold meetings that night—at least the wives will be so informed.
Adam Christ, of the south side, who has been on a visit of a few months to Timberville, Va., returned last week. He says the winter in that locality was very wet. As to business, the people there were having as dull times as anywhere, except in some towns where a "boom" was on. He is glad to get back to Kansas.
The Heizerton creamery company is building a new, stone engine house. Nick Dick and J. B. Hannum were up there Tuesday at work, but quit and walked in Wednesday morning. Nick did not say that he walked in because of spending all their money for butter milk with a sick in it, but there are grave grounds for suspicion.
Rev. W. E. Knight, of Great Bend township, who preached at the Armstrong school house desires to express his thanks to the citizens of Gr. Bend who so liberally contributed to the purchasing of a new suit of clothes for him. His friends we understand, also made him a present of \$75 in cash as an evidence of their appreciation of his worth.
DIED—On Saturday, March 14th, Elmer Harrison Holbert, only child of William H. and Ida Holbert, aged 2 years, 8 months and three days. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. T. H. Ayars, were held at the home of the parents, four miles north east of Great Bend, on Monday, the 16th. "Only gone before"; "Not dead, but sleeping."
An association of the high schools of various towns in this part of the state, for the purpose of arranging for a declamation contest, or series of contests has been formed, and it is expected the first meeting will be held about the first of May. The object will be to encourage pupils to greater effort towards perfection in declamation, and is a laudable one. March 27th is the date selected for the first home contest, at which time the participants in the general contest will be determined upon. Encourage the movement.

PERSONAL.
Alois Schwager, of near Claffin, was in the city the first of the week, a witness in the district court.
Roger Moffat has secured an increase of pension.
Mrs. Will Kelley is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Marx, at Claffin this week.
Bert Torrey was home from Denver a few days last week.
J. W. McMican, of this city, is just up from a three weeks siege of illness. His entire family has been ill, and are but slowly recovering.
Jno. A. Eaton, a prominent Wellington attorney, was doing business in court this week.
Geo. McFarland, of the northwest part of the county was a caller at this office last week.
Miss Florence Poole has charge of Miss Bridge's classes in the high school this week; Miss B. taking a rest on account of her eyes failing her.
J. B. Pruse, whose school in district No. 22, east of Ellinwood, closes on next Friday, the 20th, was in the city Saturday.
Wm. Gaglenan and Henry Both were in from Clarence, Saturday, visiting with friends.
Mrs. Effie Pelter was down, Saturday, from her school near Millard.
Editor Lewis, of Pawnee Rock, was in the city Saturday.
W. W. Hickman of the south side, and John Clapper of the north side, were among the callers on the DEMOCRAT, Saturday.
Miss Bertha Stark has gone to Bloomfield, Kansas.
W. W. Sowards was down from Verbeck, last Friday and Saturday.
Will Schwier, of Heizerton, was doing business in the city Friday.
M. B. Fitts and wife, of Heizerton, were in town shopping, Friday.
Mrs. S. Shockey returned Thursday from a visit to her parents in Garnett, this state.
Mrs. Geo. McGinnis and Miss Emma Bell visited friends in Larned last week.
Ed Howard, J. B. Prose and M. L. Harrison, three of our popular county school teachers, were with the crowd in town Saturday.
Albert F. Kuhl, of the east side, was a caller at the DEMOCRAT office Wednesday morning.
Henry Langfeld, Judge Teopke and Thos DeWerrf were among the east end men on the streets Saturday.

Oh, say!
My Seed Potatoes
and Garden Seeds
Are Here—if you
need any it will pay
You to buy of me.
★ GROCERY...:..
A. R. Moss.

The Register is booming the new "knights of recip city" racket in great shape; and Caraway could hardly be expected to do other than swear by this new political trick of the old republican bosses, whereby they hope to regain their former power. There is money in it for the bosses, also. He, Caraway, bragged to parties in Great Bend that he "made \$23 and expenses in three days, organizing lodges of k. of r." The public generally supposes that a postmaster is paid to attend to the business of his office; but they do not always do it—at least the kind of p. m. that has been fist-ed upon Great Bend people does not, he can make more money fishing for suckers.
Still On Deck.
Having been with the people of Great Bend and Barton county for the past five years, ending on March 9, 1891, and having enjoyed a fair amount of patronage, I desire to thank my many customers for their business, and want to inform them that I am still prepared to do first class work in the line of paper hanging, calsonimix, painting, sign writing, etc. My shop is on the north side of the square, old stand. Call and receive estimates on work. Respectfully,
JOHN Z. ELLER.

St. Omer Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar, elected officers on Tuesday night, as follows: Ed. R. Moses, E. C.; W. W. P. Clement, G.; A. C. S. Hermerhorn, C. G.; A. H. Connitt, J. W.; R. F. Pleger, S. W.; O. J. Richards, Prelate; E. W. Waynant, Sec.; Louis Zutaervan, Treas.
Marriage license was issued to Z. Fitts and Miss May Camp, both of Union township, last Friday.
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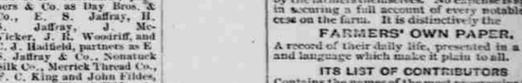
LEGAL NOTICES.
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SHERIFF'S SALE.
State of Kansas,)
Barton County,) ss.
J. M. ...
George Wilhelm, Heinrich, John ...
By virtue of a special execution to me directed and delivered, issued out of the 20th District Court of the state of Kansas, sitting in and for Barton County, I will, on Monday, March 22d, A. D. 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the court house west door in Great Bend in the county and state aforesaid, offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real property, to-wit:
The southwest quarter of section No. fourteen (14) township No. twenty (20), range No. nineteen (19), in Barton county, Kansas, subject to a mortgage of \$1000.00.
Said property to be sold as commanded by the said Special Execution.
F. D. WILSON, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, February 18, 1891. 47-21

Report of the Condition
of
The First National Bank at Great Bend, in the state of Kansas, at the close of business, February 20th, 1891.

Assets:	Liabilities:
Loans and discounts	Capital stock paid in
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	Surplus fund
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	Undivided profits
Stocks, securities	National Bank notes outstanding
Due from approved reserve agents	Individual deposits subject to check
Due from other National banks	Demand certificates of deposit
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	Cashier's checks outstanding
Other real estate and mortgages owned	Notes and bills re-discounted
Current expenses and loans paid	
Prepaid rent on U. S. Bonds	Total
Checks and other cash items	
Bill of exchange bank	
Fractional paper currency, nickles, and cents	
Specie	
Legal-tender notes	
U. S. Treasury notes	
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